## US Bankruptcy Court - Sacramento Division Pro Se Bankruptcy Assistance Program

A project of the Sacramento County Bar Association Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section, in cooperation with the Office of the United States Trustee and the Clerk of the US Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Pro Se Clinic! We hope that you will find your participation here today to be helpful to you. Please read the following overview about this program.

- The Clinic cannot give you legal advice as to how to solve your individual legal problem. What we can do is provide general legal information about bankruptcy and related issues. We can also show you some of the tools, forms, and other resources available to you on the Bankruptcy Court's website and other places on the internet.
- > The Clinic staffer you meet with is not your attorney, and cannot become your attorney.
- Your consultation in the Clinic is not in private and can be overheard by others. You should be very careful about not sharing your personal and confidential information while in the Clinic.
- > The Clinic is staffed by volunteers. Most are lawyers who practice in the bankruptcy court, and some are law students from Pacific McGeorge School of Law.
- > Many of the legal problems which bring people to the Clinic are complex, and the staffer you meet with may urge you to hire an attorney to assist with your particular problem.
- The Clinic is not able to give you a recommendation for a particular lawyer, only a referral to the Sacramento County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service. You can call 916 564-6707. Or you can go to their website, and complete a referral form online: <a href="https://www.sacbarlawyer.org">www.sacbarlawyer.org</a>
- You might also be able to locate a lawyer to assist you by searching the Yellow Pages.
- ➤ Low income persons may be able to obtain legal services from the Voluntary Legal Services Program of Northern California, the pro bono organization sponsored by the Sacramento County Bar Association, at 916 551-2102. Their web site can be found at <a href="https://www.vlsp.org">www.vlsp.org</a>.